

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for an interactive media services system to provide media to a user through an interactive media services client device, said client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising steps of:

implementing an interactive media guide;
implementing said client device to present said interactive media guide to said user;
providing a system operator with an interface to said programmable media services server; and
providing control options within said interface to allow said system operator to set a plurality of parameters concerning bandwidth usage.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said system operator has the ability through configuration of said plurality of parameters concerning bandwidth usage to dictate the termination procedure of a media session.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said termination procedure involves said interactive media services system keeping said media session active until the end of a rental duration period assigned to said media session independent of the behavior of any of a plurality of client device and system variables.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said termination procedure involves said interactive media services system terminating said media session if one of a plurality of client device and system variables correspond to one of said plurality of parameters concerning bandwidth usage.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein one of said plurality of client device and system variables comprises a timeout, said timeout occurring when said media session has been in a pause state for a period equal to a pause timeout parameter configured as one of said plurality of parameters concerning bandwidth usage.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said period is equal to said pause timeout parameter, client device is forced to present a stop state and said media session is halted.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein one of said plurality of client device and system variables comprises a timeout, said timeout occurring when said media session has been in a stop

state for a period equal to a stop timeout parameter configured as one of said plurality of parameters concerning bandwidth usage.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said period is equal to said stop timeout parameter, forcing client device to present a main screen of said interactive media guide and said media session is fully terminated, allowing bandwidth to be allocated elsewhere.

9. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein one of said plurality of client device and system variables comprises a cancellation by said user, after a cancellation period, causing said media session to immediately be terminated.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said cancellation period is compared to one of said plurality of parameters concerning bandwidth usage regarding a no charge cancellation period, if said cancellation period is less than said no charge cancellation period a purchase fee assigned to said user for said media session is erased from billing record.

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